Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the total number of the Committee?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The total number is 9.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are told, two members of the committee took a definite attitude, another took a *via media* course—a very happy course—and the remaining six took up the definite attitude that such a thing is necessary.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Excepting the Chairman who did not vote but who reported to the Government his own opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who the Chairman is?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The Advocate-General himself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware that want of stay on the lines indicated by a big majority of the committee works to the prejudice of hard-hit tenants of the State?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Government were not satisfied that a general stay recommended by the majority of the committee was desirable or necessary. But Government are considering whether there should be a partial stay. I was asked to consult the committee and we are on it now preparing a draft.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What exactly is the via media course adopted by that member?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The majority recommendation was that there should be a stay of all suits for renewal fees and decrees passed by court. The via media course was that there was no case for a general stay, but in cases where such real hardships have occurred, *e. g.* in the case of the Nerkanam tenant and cases where large kanam amounts have been advanced and cases where double amount of renewal fees that would have been paid under the Act of 1113 exceeds the Kanapattam by half in respect of those kanams which have been made permanent by that Act, these are the three classes recommended by that member. That is the only difference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I also enquire whether the Advocate-General to whom papers have been sent by the authorities will not apply "blitzerieg" upon the process of consideration of the papers?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Oh, Yes.

SPEECH BY SIR VICTOR SASSOON—SHIP-BUILDING—PROSPECTS OF

93. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the portion of the speech of Sir Victor Sassoon delivered at Trivandrum on page 4 of the Mail dated 1st November 1943 referring to the prospect of Ship Building?

(*b*) whether Government be pleased to make further enquiries to explore the possibilities of (*i*) making boats out of the "Composit of Saw Dust" and (*ii*) the making of "prefabricated houses"?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* With your permission, Sir, I would like to amend the answer as follows.—(*a*) "Yes" and (*b*) "Enquiries will be made".

PAY OF EXCISE PEONS—DISBURSEMENT OF

94. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the pay of the Excise peons for Chingam and Kanni 1119 was disbursed in time;

(*b*) if there was any delay what was the same due to?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) There was delay for about one month in the disbursement of the Chingam pay only of some of the peons. There was no delay for payment of Kanni pay.

(*b*) The delay was due to interim correspondence with the Government in the matter of sanction of allotment for drawing the pay, etc., of the additional staff appointed for Price Control work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when exactly the pay was disbursed for the month of Chingam?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Chingam and Kanni pay was given in Thulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to know, Sir, what was the delay as far as the Chingam pay is concerned ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* One month and 5 days.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, when the pay for Kanni was disbursed ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As usual in the first week of Thulam, say about the 5th of Thulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to know the exact date.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I don't understand this sort of taking shelter under notice.

Mr. President: The difference is only two days between the 5th and one week. I do not think it is necessary to give the exact date.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the date on which pay is disbursed usually to these under-dogs of the Excise Department ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* During the course of the 1st week in the succeeding month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these Excise peons whose pay was delayed for the period mentioned by the Hon'ble Joint Secretary to Government do not also take in the Force that is appointed by the Government to watch smuggling.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This relates to the pay of the 66 Excise peons appointed to the temporary Preventive Staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want, if that is possible, to know, whether the unhappy Excise peons of the Preventive Force employed to watch smuggling also is not included in this number ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have already answered. I said 66 peons of the temporary Preventive Staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* That is, the temporary Preventive Staff refers to the 66 peons newly appointed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. President : I would suggest to the Hon'ble Member that he should have framed his question in a rather more explicit language. I myself have failed to understand exactly what he wants ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I shall try to be profited by the very valuable suggestion of the Chair.

EXCISE CIRCLE INSPECTOR—NORTHERN DIVISION

95. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ —

(എ) എക്സൈസ് വടക്കെ സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ഇപ്പോൾ ആരാണ്;

(ബി) എന്നുമുതലാണ് അദ്ദേഹം സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരായതു്;

(സി) അദ്ദേഹം സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരായതിനുശേഷം തെക്കെ സർക്കിൾ ജോലിനോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) ഏതേതുകൊല്ലം, മാസം, തിയ്യതികളിൽ ഓരോ പ്രാവശ്യം എത്ര കാലംവീതം ജോലിനോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ഇ) എത്രപ്രാവശ്യം അദ്ദേഹത്തെ തെക്കെ സർക്കിളിലേക്കു മാറിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്; ഏതേതു കൊല്ലം, മാസം, തിയ്യതികളിൽ;

(എഫ്) ആ മാറിയ അവസരങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം അദ്ദേഹം അവധി എടുക്കുകയല്ലേ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്;

(ജി) അദ്ദേഹം സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരായതിനുശേഷം ഏതേതു കൊല്ലം, മാസം, തിയ്യതികളിൽ എത്രകാലത്തേക്കുവീതം അവകാശാവധി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(എച്ച്) ഫ ഫ ഫ ൦-നുശേഷം അദ്ദേഹത്തെ ഏപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും തെക്കെ സർക്കിളിലേക്കു മാറ്റുകയുണ്ടായോ;

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